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SAIGON COUP D'ETAT French P.O.W.s Arrest Annamites

PROBING MYSTERY

Tokyo, Sept. 24. General MacArthur today called for a complete report from the Japanese government on military personnel in the Philippines and civilian internees removed from the islands. The report would cover scores of people arrested by the Japanese military police, whose fate remains a mystery. Associated Press.

JAPANESE SCIENTISTS KILLED

TOKYO, SEPT. 24. AMONG THE VICTIMS OF THE TYPHOON WHICH TWO NIGHTS AGO STRUCK HIROSHIMA, WAS A PARTY OF EMINENT JAPANESE SCIENTISTS WHO WERE APPARENTLY DISSATISFIED WITH THE OFFICIAL ALLIED REPORTS AND WERE CARRYING OUT INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE EFFECTS OF THE ATOMIC BOMB.

Among those known to be dead are Dr. Shuchi Majima, professor at the Kyoto Imperial University, and one of the world's leading authorities on aeronautical science; his assistant Prof. Shinsho Nishiyama and the woman physicist, Shimatani.

Five more of the party are reported missing and three seriously injured.—Reuter.

JAPANESE STYMIED

TOKYO, SEPT. 24. HEATED AMERICAN DISCUSSION OF OCCUPATION POLICIES HAS PRODUCED BEWILDERMENT AMONG THE JAPANESE.

Many interpret developments of the past three weeks as evidence that Americans lack precise information about Japan, and are undecided about how to proceed.

Japanese who are ostensibly Liberals say the indecisiveness has given the oligarchs time to entrench themselves deeply in all phases of Japanese life.

A typical comment is: "Americans are too impatient for changes within Japan, which must take years. We don't know ourselves how these things can be done. We don't even know what you want of us." They refer skeptically to such questions as the amount of reparations and what type of industrial life will be allowed.

Japanese democrats are puzzled at the Americans seemingly having no intention of interfering directly in domestic politics.—Associated Press.

JAPANESE SCRAMBLE

Shanghai, Sept. 24. Japanese, who occupied the best hotels and apartments when they were lords of this city, scrambled to-day for places in barracks in Hongkew, Shanghai's "little Tokyo."

They are not allowed to leave the district or do business outside. Efforts of some of them to carry in suitcases packed with money were frustrated by American and Chinese authorities.—Associated Press.

Sharp Battle For Town Hall

SINGAPORE, SEPT. 24. FRENCH RELEASED PRISONERS-OF-WAR HAVE CARRIED OUT A DRAMATIC COUP D'ETAT AT SAIGON. ONLY THE MOST MEAGRE DETAILS ARE YET AVAILABLE, BUT SAIGON RADIO, OBVIOUSLY NOW UNDER THEIR CONTROL, HAS ANNOUNCED THE ARREST OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE SO-CALLED INDEPENDENT ANNAMITE GOVERNMENT.

Empress Bound For U.K.

THE DESTINATION OF THE "EMPERESS OF AUSTRALIA" IS THE UNITED KINGDOM. "There seems to be no doubt that that is where she is going," said H.E. the C-in-C at Government House yesterday. His Excellency said that there is no real secrecy being observed about the whereabouts of repatriation ships. The repatriation scheme did not go altogether smoothly at first, but "we have got it in hand now."

Communication, however, is difficult. There is such a glut of signals in the air at the moment, that the best that can be done is to "take what we can."

SPAIN WARNED

LONDON, SEPT. 24. THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR IN MADRID HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO CONVEY A WARNING TO GENERAL FRANCO FOLLOWING NEWS OF THE ARREST OF TWO PROMINENT REPUBLICAN LEADERS.

The matter was drawn to the attention of Government by former members of the International Brigade, and Mr. Bevin promised that action would be taken if the facts warranted it.

The British Ambassador has informed General Franco that there would be most unfortunate repercussions if the Republican leaders were to be executed on political charges.—Reuter.

AUTHOR DIES

London, Sept. 24.—Thomas Burke died in London to-day aged 59. He wrote mostly about London; especially about the East End which he knew so well. His best-known novel was "Limehouse Lights," which was subsequently made into a film.—Reuter.

EGYPT'S DEMAND

Cairo, Sept. 24. The Egyptian Government has called for the withdrawal of British troops from the country. A committee of Elder Statesmen to-day passed a resolution that national rights demanded the evacuation of British forces.—Reuter.

It is learned that Sir Atholl MacGregor is to be moved from Tweed Bay Hospital to the Queen Mary Hospital to-day, and will remain there until accommodation is available aboard a hospital ship. Lady MacGregor will stay at the Queen Mary also.

Glasgow, Sept. 24.—Thirty thousand Clyde workers are demanding new safety regulations now that the war is over, and seeking an enquiry into the general conditions of safety in vessels on the stocks.—Reuter.

The message adds that the French tri-colour now flies again over Saigon.

As a result of the clash the Allied Commander of Ground Troops, SEAC, General Slim, has ordered martial law in Saigon.

As far as is known, some 300 ex-POWs together with a number of French civilians, took possession of various strategic points in Saigon this morning and surrounded the Town Hall where apparently a meeting of the Annamese "Government" was in session.

When they called on the Town Hall to surrender, the answer was fire from machine-guns and rifles.

Subsequently, the French troops stormed the Town Hall and completed the coup d'etat.

It will be recalled that the new Annamese "Government" was announced a few days ago with the ex-Emperor of Annam, now plain Mr. Bao Dai, as one of its Councillors.—Reuter.

GALE HITS BRITAIN

LONDON, SEPT. 24.—A NINETY MILE AN HOUR GALE WHICH STRUCK THE WEST AND NORTH OF ENGLAND YESTERDAY DID CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE.

At Blackpool, the seawall was breached and much havoc created ashore.

Three mines broke away and crashed on the rocks of Anglesey but only one exploded. Boats were torn from their moorings and carried ashore at many places.

The Cromarty lifeboat was out seven hours trying to bring a distressed fishing trawler to safety.

From Ireland, extraordinary reports were received, of haystacks carried bodily through the air for many miles, and of petrol pumps transferred from one end of a street to the other.—Reuter.

INCREASE IN BASIC WAGE?

GOVERNMENT'S BASIC WAGE FOR CASUAL LABOUR IS EXPECTED TO BE INCREASED.

The matter is under study at the moment, it was stated at Government House yesterday.

Last night, it was stated that a recommendation has been made for an increase to \$3 a day, from \$1 a day.

CANNOT WED GERMANS

Berlin, Sept. 24.—Field-Marshal Sir Bernard Montgomery has issued an order forbidding members of the British Occupation Armies from marrying Germans or being billeted with German families.

He has relaxed all other fraternization bans, but says he relies on all troops to behave with dignity and to use their common sense in dealing with Germans who were Britain's enemies twice within the last 30 years.—Reuter.

London, Sept. 24.—Australian and New Zealand airmen were given a tumultuous send-off when they sailed for home to-day.—Reuter.

BRILLIANT FLIGHT

Ottawa, Sept. 24. An R.A.F. Mosquito has achieved another brilliant record, flying from Vancouver to Ottawa in 4 hours 33 minutes, knocking more than three hours off the previous record.—Reuter.

Secretary Of State Arrives

THE RT. HON. J. J. LAWSON, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WAR, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS PRIVATE SECRETARY, MR. A. DREW, MAJOR J. FREEMAN, M.P. (PARLIAMENTARY PRIVATE SECRETARY), COL. J. LAING (MILITARY ADVISER), AND LT. COL. FRANK OWENS, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF THE SERVICES PUBLICATION, "SEAC" AND FORMERLY EDITOR OF THE LONDON "EVENING STANDARD," ARRIVED AT KAI TAK AERODROME ON A DAKOTA FLYING BOAT YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, SHORTLY AFTER 4 P.M.

Leaving England on September 12, the party called at Malta, Cairo, Karachi, Bombay, Calcutta and Penang and it was at Penang that they changed over to the plane which brought them to Hong Kong, this final stage of their trip taking something like 10 hours.

The War Secretary is here to interview British troops and to "hear their grievances, if any" but owing to the fact that he was too tired after his trip yesterday it was not possible to obtain any official statement from him regarding de la's of his mission, though a statement will be issued in due course.

As soon as the Dakota, on which the party arrived, touched down at Kai Tak, they were welcomed by Wing Comdr. H. P. Connolly, D.P.C. and bar, A.F.M. Connolly, Commanding Officer Kai Tak and they adjourned to the Officers' Mess where tea and refreshments were served.

Shortly after, H.E. Admiral C. H. B. Harecourt, Commander-in-Chief, and Major-General Frank Festing, General Officer Commanding, arrived at Kai Tak to meet the War Secretary, driving off with him almost immediately to Kowloon where they boarded the Commander-in-Chief's barge to cross the harbour.

The Rt. Hon. J. J. Lawson is staying as the guest of the C-in-C at Government House during his stay in the Colony.

GENERAL STRIKE IN TRIESTE

London, Sept. 24. John Nixon, the B.B.C. correspondent in Trieste, announced that a general strike has been declared, owing to stringent laws affecting employers and employees.

Shops are closed and no trams are running. The British Military Command says that utilities will be kept going even if they have to be maintained by the Royal Engineers.—Reuter.

TOO BIG

Washington, Sept. 24. The three new aircraft carriers built for the U.S. Navy are too big to go through Panama until the Canal has been re-channelled to convey them.

One vessel, the U.S.S. Midway, is already in commission.—Reuter.

London, Sept. 24.—The Derby winner, Dante, is set to race again but is going to start.—Reuter.

KAI TAK ADOPTS TWO MASCOTS

WHO IS THE PROUDEST MAN TO-DAY AT KAI TAK? THE ANSWER IS, PERHAPS, CPL. DAWBER, FOR UPON HIM HAS FALLEN THE TASK OF BRINGING UP "BIG WINGS" AND "LITTLE WINGS"—TWO CHINESE BOYS, "ADOPTED" BY THE ROYAL AIR FORCE.

"BIG WINGS" WAS SO CHRISTENED BECAUSE OF HIS PARTIALITY FOR THE SUNDERLAND FLYING BOATS. HIS PROPER NAME IS CHAN KWAI TONG, AND HIS AGE 11 YEARS. YOUNGER BROTHER, CHAN LAI-PUN, AGED 8 YEARS, WAS GIVEN THE NAME "LITTLE WINGS" BECAUSE OF HIS LIKING FOR SPITFIRES.

These two boys stayed near the aerodrome, in a small hut at Shapo, before the war. When the Japanese came they still lived in their hut together with their father and mother, but, as "Big Wings" said, their father died very soon after December 25, 1941, and they were left to fend for themselves and their mother.

Not being able to make a living, they went to the country but great was their joy when they heard that the Japanese had thrown their hand in. They came back to Hong Kong and once more made their home near the aerodrome.

TRIED THEIR LUCK

On September 9, the advance party, R.A.F., arrived at Kai Tak. Memories of the kind treatment they had received from British airmen previously prompted them to try their luck again. They went home armed not only with rice and bread, but also with chocolates and other eats so dear to the palate of youngsters.

Since then they have not missed a single day at the aerodrome, and now they have been adopted and put on the strength.

They are always on parade and are treated as part and parcel of the personnel of the flying field. Two wooden "dummy" rifles, left behind by the Japanese, have been cut down to suit their size. These they use on all parades.

They know the orders off pat, and when their "guardian," Cpl. Dawber, shouts the command "Present Arms," they go through the movements like real soldiers.

They know that when an officer comes round they have to "jump to." On Sunday when Air Commodore W. A. D. Brooke, visited the aerodrome, they stood smartly at the gate when the officer arrived and presented arms.

Then they laid down their "rifles" and saluted again. The Commodore acknowledging the compliment on each occasion.

And what of the Corporal? He is so proud of his charges that he had the two lads lined up, ready for a "Press interview," as he said, at the aerodrome yesterday.

AIRMAN'S ESCAPE

Tokyo, Sept. 24.—A young naval radioman wandered around Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost main island, after his carrier-based plane crashed. He lived by raiding cellars, chicken coops and milking cows. He discovered the war was over by the number of American planes flying over the island without interference.—Associated Press.

FRENCH ELECTIONS

Paris, Sept. 24.—Early returns in the French Provincial elections show substantial gains for both Socialists and Communists.

Four of De Gaulle's Ministers have been re-elected and Mons. Edouard Herriot, the former Prime Minister, has been returned in Lyons with a majority of over 12,000.—Reuter.

New York, Sept. 24. Asphyxiation caused the death of the infant son of the Chinese diplomat, Sun-Ping. The child died during an attack of nausea. Sun-Ping is attached to the Chinese embassy in Ottawa.—Associated Press.

CONTROL OF ATOMIC WEAPON

WASHINGTON, SEPT. 24.—PRESIDENT TRUMAN SAID LAST NIGHT THAT HE WOULD TAKE COMPLETE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR HIS ADMINISTRATION'S POLICY TOWARD THE DEVELOPMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY.

He said the premise for the disposal of the powerful bomb was outlined by the retiring Secretary of War, Col. H. L. Stimson, but he said the Cabinet had discussed the atomic bomb in the light of what might be well for the country and the world.

He added that when the time comes, he will make the decision in the interest of the welfare of this country as well as for the benefit of foreign and domestic policy.—Associated Press.

MOUNT CAMERON EYESORE

REAR-ADMIRAL CECIL HARCOURT LEFT NO DOUBT AS TO THE FATE INTENDED FOR THE MOUNT CAMERON WAR MEMORIAL SET UP BY THE JAPANESE, AT A PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY.

His Excellency said that it would probably be blown up, but they were waiting until the erection had been examined by experts of the Royal Engineers before going any further.

It had been thought appropriate that Japanese P.O.W.s should be employed to pull it down brick by brick, but the difficulty was that that would involve bringing large numbers to the island and housing them while demolition was in progress.

The site carved out of the hillside might be put to good use when the Memorial has been cleared away.

Officers Unlucky

LONDON, SEPT. 24. THE WAR OFFICE HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE RELEASE OF MANY OFFICERS OF THE ARMY OF THE RHINE WILL HAVE TO BE DEFERRED.

The system of demobilisation has the effect of freeing, relatively, more officers than men, and many units would be quite incapable of carrying out their occupation tasks if all the officers entitled to demobilisation were released.—Reuter.

BOOBY TRAP

Seoul, Korea, Sept. 24. The first injury of an American soldier in the occupation of Korea was reported to-day from a fountain pen type booby trap. When the American unscrewed the pen cap, it exploded and caused the loss of four fingers.—Associated Press.

LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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We beg to announce that we have now occupied our former premises:

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REGISTRATION OF FISH BUYERS

(1) Buyers of fish, fresh and salt, at the Hong Kong Fish Wholesale Market must register at the Central Market and pay a deposit of \$300. Owing to the present shortage of the new currency, buyers are permitted to delay payment of deposit to the end of November 1945.

(2) Buyers who register as salt fish buyers may buy salt fish only. Those who register as fresh fish buyers may buy fresh fish only. If one buyer wishes to buy both salt and fresh fish he must register twice and make two deposits.

(3) Each buyer must be guaranteed by two other registered buyers.

(4) Buyers are asked to register at the earliest possible moment. No unregistered person will be allowed to buy fish at the wholesale market.

(5) The date of the opening of the wholesale market will be announced in the Press.

G. A. C. Herklotz,
Director of Fisheries,
Hong Kong Government.

NOTICE

All persons who, on 8th December, 1941, were drawing pensions at the Command Pay Office, China Command, should furnish without delay to No. 10 Staff Paymaster, Wellington Barracks, the following particulars:

- (1) Name of pensioners;
- (2) Place of residence;
- (3) Rate of pension in issue and date when last drawn;
- (4) Nature of pension—retired pay, disability pension, service pension; widows or dependents, Indian pension, etc.
- (5) Awarding authority—His Majesty's Paymaster General, Minister of Pensions, Royal Hospital, Chelsea; Deputy Controller of Military Accounts, India, etc.
- (6) Serial or reference number of awarding authority;
- (7) Particulars of any documents which may be in possession, but not the documents themselves;
- (8) Until further instructions have been received from the United Kingdom and India no pensions can be paid. This is merely a preliminary step, but every effort will be made to expedite the matter.

MEDICAL NOTICE

A second dental clinic has been opened in Hong Kong, on the second floor of Pedder Building. The clinic is open on week days from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. for members of Government Departments, Essential Services and of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, who were formerly detained in prisoners of war and internment camps, and for their dependants.

P. S. Selwyn-Clarke,
Director of Medical and Sanitary Services.

FIREWOOD

Offers are invited for supplying Firewood to Government from outside the Colony of Hong Kong and New Territories.

Offers to be submitted to the Fuel Controller, King's Building (Ground floor) stating—

- (a) Quantity and details of timber offered and source of supply.
 - (b) Price in Hong Kong currency per picul delivered either alongside Praya at Hong Kong or Kowloon or at a Railway Station in British territory.
 - (c) Time required for delivery.
- Any further information may be obtained from the Fuel Controller.

T. RAMSAY,
Fuel Controller.

"THORNYCROFT"

Our Branch Office has opened temporary premises at Stock Exchange Building (2nd Floor—Room 24), and we shall be obliged if all prospective clients will communicate enquiries to that address during the present emergency period where they will be promptly handled and communicated to our executive who is now proceeding to London to ascertain full details and specifications with prices of latest models in all lines of our products:

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Tel. 31660.
Enquiries will receive prompt attention.

NOTICE

Owners of property in Kowloon are requested to arrange for their premises to be occupied by tenants or caretakers.

The military and civil authorities cannot accept responsibility for preventing looting unless this is done.

By Order of
Military Authorities,
Kowloon.

20th September, 1945.

NOTICE

Whitfield Barracks Internment Camp

Until further notice, no visitors will be allowed to the camp, nor may any foodstuffs, clothing or medical comforts be passed into the camp by friends or relatives of internees.

By Order of
Garrison Commander,
Kowloon.

20th September, 1945.

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PERCY SMITH SEETH & FLEMING,
Chartered Accountants.
22nd September, 1945.

NOTICE

I have reopened my Office in Room No. 280, Prince's Building.

Telephone No. 31136.
M. Nomazoo.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONGKONG CUSTODIAN

PROCLAMATION No. 10.
ARTICLE 1 APPOINTMENT

In exercise of the power conferred upon me by Article 3 of the above-mentioned Proclamation, I, DAVID MEBROGER, MAODOU-GALL, Chief Civil Affairs Officer, Hong Kong, HEREBY APPOINT REGINALD ANDREW WICKERSON to be Assistant Custodian of Property in the Colony of Hong Kong and to be acting Custodian of Property.

Dated this 21st day of September, 1945.

D. M. MacDougall,
Brigadier,
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

NOTICE

It is notified for general information that the offices of the Military Administration, Kowloon, have moved from the 3rd to the 1st floor of the Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon.

Brigadier and Head of Military Administration—Room 104.

Brigadier Major—Room 105.

Civil Liaison Officer—Room 107.

A.D.C.A. (Works)—Room 109.

By Order of
Military Authorities,
Kowloon.

22nd September, 1945.

LIFT SERVICE

For the convenience of Electric Lift Owners and in order to assist in the speedy rehabilitation of the Colony the undermentioned firms are temporarily operating jointly a department for lift service and repairs.

Address all enquiries to The Jardine Engineering Corporation, Ltd., Jardine Building, Ground Floor, 16/18, Pedder Street (Telephone 39941).

The Jardine Engineering Corporation, Ltd.
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Otis Elevator Company

COMMERCIAL UNION ASSURANCE CO., LTD.

I have appointed Messrs. Gilman & Co., Ltd. to look after the affairs of this company in Hong Kong until further notice.

R. L. S. WEBB,
Local Manager.

22nd September, 1945.

CARMICHAEL & CLARKE MARINE SURVEYORS & CONSULTING ENGINEERS.

Mr. A. W. Black, principal partner of the above firm is now in residence at the Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon, and will welcome any enquiries.

GOVERNMENT PENSIONERS

It is proposed to resume pension payments to Government Pensioners immediately and all pensioners are requested to report to the Treasury Examination Branch not later than the 25th September, 1945, bringing with them their pension papers, or in the absence of such papers any other documents which may establish their right to pension.

D.M. MACDOUGALL,
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.
19th September, 1945.

FUEL CONTROL OFFICE KOWLOON

An office has been opened in Kowloon-Canton Railway Station (Ground floor), where enquiries re Firewood and Petroleum Products will be dealt with.

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MACAO'S WEALTH

Thorny problems enough demand and occupy the urgent attention of the Administration. Price levels remain defiantly high, and the housing problem, which has been little more than tentatively surveyed, is destined to become increasingly acute as time goes on, rising to a pitch of crisis when the European population begins its return journeyings, which we can well imagine, Government scarcely permits itself at this stage, to contemplate. It is disturbing, therefore, to find a new complication introduced, one which could easily have important influence on prices, and which needs to be tackled before it assumes more alarming proportions. To put it briefly, Macao speculators may make heavy inroads upon the Colony's depleted stocks of wearing apparel and similar commodities unless some measure of control can be devised. Macao has acquired wealth as a result of the war in the Pacific. The holders of that wealth have for a long time past been assiduously buying Hong Kong dollars of the pre-1942 vintage at rates approximating to Eight Macao Dollars equals One Hundred Hong Kong. The consequences of the restoration of the value of the H.K. dollar requires no emphasis. If the matter rested there, no complaint could reasonably be made. The fortunes of war!—a deprecating shrug of the shoulders perhaps. Unfortunately thousands of those dollars are now flowing into the Colony and are being used freely to buy up stocks of all kinds—not generally foodstuffs—for export to Macao. The small craft bringing Chinese and Portuguese from the Portuguese colony are not returning empty. Communications are sufficiently restricted at the moment to impose definite limits upon the scale of such operations, but unless the situation is carefully watched, the consequences may be serious. It is, at all events, an issue that needs to be borne in mind when such questions arise as the extension of the means of communication between the two ports. When the Colony's greatest need is new supply, it cannot afford to sit idly by while existing stocks are whittled away.

Old Friends Meet

WHEN THE DAKOTA PLANE, CARRYING THE RT. HON. J. J. LAWSON AND HARTY, ARRIVED IN KAI TAK YESTERDAY, WING COMMANDER P. DICKSON, SENIOR R.A.F. INFORMATION OFFICER, SOUTH-EAST ASIATIC COMMAND, HAD A VERY PLEASANT MEETING WITH AN OLD FRIEND—LT. COL. FRANK OWENS WHO WAS ONE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WAR'S PARTY. Before joining the Air Force as a volunteer Wing Commander, Dickson was with Lord Kemsley's group of newspapers while Col. Owens was editor of the London "Evening Standard." Just before the outbreak of the European War in 1939, Wing Commander Dickson toured America for his group of papers, interviewing the late President Roosevelt, Mr. Cordell Hull and Mr. Henry Stimson amongst others during the trip. It is interesting to note that Wing Commander Dickson served with Air Marshal Sir John Marshall in Burma and later he was under Air Marshal Sir W. Copley who taught H.M. the King to fly.

OLD STORY

Thanks to the Navy, Stanley is getting electricity, but it is the same old story—hot plates are being used a little too freely, and the consequence is that certain areas are being cut off temporarily to avert overloading. The power is being produced from a lorry alongside the power station outside the Gaol.

WITH THE R.A.F. AT KAI TAK AERODROME

(By A Staff Reporter)

SPITFIRES, DAKOTAS, SUNDERLANDS—THESE WERE JUST NAMES TO ME UNTIL YESTERDAY WHEN, AT THE INVITATION OF AN OFFICER OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE, I PAID A VISIT TO KAI TAK. THEN THEY WERE NAMES NO MORE FOR I NOT ONLY SAW, BUT WAS SHOWN OVER THESE MACHINES, BEAUTIES, EACH ONE OF THEM, IN ITS OWN RIGHT.

One of the pilots of a Spitfire was so proud of his "little ship" that nothing would satisfy him but that I climb into the cockpit and see how it felt to be inside one of the world's greatest all-round fighter planes.

I took my seat gingerly, with a feeling of awe, I might almost say, and then the pilot "closed the shutter" to give me an idea of how it felt.

I had a curious feeling of loneliness, and remarked that I could imagine how lonely it must be "up there, all by yourself," but he only smiled and said, "Oh, one soon gets used to that."

Much has been written about World War II. Much more remains to be written, but the whole world knows, and acknowledges, that but for the comparatively small number of officers and men who served in the Royal Air Force, the Battle of Britain, a different tale might have been told.

PATH-FINDERS

So much for the Fighter Command. What of that equally gallant crowd of men that made up the Bomber Command? The answer is provided by an introduction to Wing Commander H. P. Connolly, D.F.C. (and Bar), A.F.M., Officer Commanding, Royal Air Force, Kai Tak, who was formerly a "Pathfinder" pilot. It was interesting to note that one who had done so much in connection with the destruction of Germany is now directing repair and reconstruction work at the airfield here. Wing Commander Connolly said that some of the best crews of the Bomber Command. It had a very modest beginning, only one squadron, but so valuable was their work that the number soon grew until they had 100 bombers and about 50 Mosquito bombers. I asked the Wing Commander what exactly was the work of a "Pathfinder" and was told it blazed the trail for the bombers who followed in its wake to carry out the work of destruction more effectively.

VOLUNTEERS LEAVING

The following personnel of the H.K.V.D.C. will rendezvous at 10 a.m. at Queen's pier, today for embarkation:

Lt. R. Lapsley, Pte. H. A. McKay, Sgm. K. M. Baxter, Pte. G. A. Berendseff, Pte. and Mrs. N. Morgenstern, Cpl. C. V. Jamieson, Gnr. N. W. Smeby, Cpl. and Mrs. E. O. Murphy, Sgt. and Mrs. G. A. V. Hall and Family, Gnr. E. van Walree.

Personnel living at Stanley will rendezvous at Stanley at 10 a.m. to-day.

If required, advances of pay and clothing may be drawn from Volunteer Headquarters at 8 a.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

The First Church of Christ, Scientist, will be holding their services as from next Sunday on the first floor of St. George's Building, Chater Road.

Previously these services were held at Stanley, but, with the Camp numbers decreasing rapidly, it is now thought advisable to remove to Hong Kong.

The service will commence at 11 a.m. and all are welcome.

The Japanese looted the church in Macdonnell Road and the marble flooring and marble base for the rostrum have been very carefully removed to avoid damage. Some say the marble was used in connection with the Mount Cameron Memorial and others say that it was stored for future use by the Japanese.

QUISLING APPEALS

Oalo, Sept. 24.
Quisling has appealed against the sentence of death passed upon him, pleading that the emergency laws and decrees issued by the refugee government in London were wrongly applied to him. — Reuter.

The Wing Commander was not anxious to speak of the good work that he and his fellow "Pathfinders" had done, but from another officer I found that it was largely through their work that the attacks on Germany met with so much success.

REDUCED TO SHAMBLES

The "Pathfinders", as the name indicates, were charged with the task of locating targets and military objectives. The Germans were clever in disguising their towns and military objectives. They even lit "false fires" to lead the R.A.F. astray, but clever as they were at camouflage, they found the "Pathfinders" more than their match with the result that thousands of tons of bombs were rained on key cities, factories and plants and soon important cities and towns, all over Germany and German-occupied areas, were reduced to shambles.

Speaking of the "Wingco", one of the officers said, "he is one of the best blokes you can hope to meet. Always ready to see the other fellow's point of view, he places the interests of his men before anything else."

I had only just met the "Wingco" but that was the impression I got after a few minutes' chat. "Make yourself at home," he said, "the field is yours, and if there is anything you do not understand don't be afraid to ask."

Just about this time I looked out of the "Wingco's" office window and saw a number of Japanese prisoners-of-war at work, cleaning up the place which, once more, is beginning to look like an airfield.

"They are working at the 'double'," the Wing Commander said. They were, too.

S.P./10/25.

NOTICE

Companies firms and individuals supplying goods and services to the Military in December 1941 and in August and September 1945 before the return of the Military Forces are hereby given notice to render all outstanding demands by 30th November, 1945, in the following manner:—

1. To obtain from No. 10 Staff Paymaster, Wellington Barracks, Hong Kong, copies of A.F.P. 1922 and to enter thereon all details of demands.
2. To make demands in Hong Kong dollars.
3. To attach to the completed A.F.P. 1922 copies of all delivery notes signed by the officer receiving the goods or services.
4. Wherever possible to take the A.F.P. 1922 to the Officer ordering the supplies or services and to obtain his signature to the appropriate certificate on the reverse.
5. To forward the completed bills to No. 10 Staff Paymaster, H.Q. Land Forces, Hong Kong.
6. Bills received by No. 10 Staff Paymaster will be held until 30th November 1945. After that date a Board of military officers will be convened so that payment may be considered. Full postal address of the claimant should be given, so that notification may eventually be forwarded of the payments authorised.

Where the bill received is complete in every detail, payment for services rendered in 1945 will not be held up, but made immediately. Claimants will receive notice to collect their monies from the Field Cashier, Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank.

Where cheques had already been issued in 1941 by the then Command Cashier (Captain T.A.T. Thompson) these should be forwarded to No. 10 Staff Paymaster. The postal address of the claimant should be clearly given and the nature of the service or supply stated. No. 10 Staff Paymaster will later forward authority for the money to be drawn from the Field Cashier in the Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank.

BIG U.S. Air Fleet May Go To China

FUTURE OF STANLEY

The possibility that Stanley Camp may be used as a rehabilitation centre, on the lines of that just set up at Grampian Road, was mentioned at a Government House press conference yesterday.

No definite plans to that end have been made, but it is "not entirely impossible."

It is hoped to evacuate the remainder of the liberated internees there in a very short time.

DOIHARA'S ARREST

TOKYO, SEPT. 24. GENERAL KENJI DOIHARA, WHOSE ARREST WAS ORDERED THREE DAYS AGO BY GENERAL MACARTHUR, SURRENDERED LATE AT THE TOKYO CITY HALL PART OF HIS STAFF ACCOMPANIED HIM.

Bringing In Oil

Under the direction of the Food Controller, a meeting was held at the offices of Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on Sunday to discuss ways and means for importing cooking oil to the colony. Besides the Food Controller, who took the chair, over 30 Chinese oil merchants attended.

Mr. Lam Wing Cheong of the Sun Nam Shipping Co. (which owns a fairly large number of motor junks) expressed the opinion that in order to facilitate the importation of oil, Government should:

- (a) co-operate with all local shipping companies and give them every possible assistance for the protection of their shipping;
- (b) provide them with fuel such as kerosene, crude oil, coal, etc., and
- (c) advance capital for buying oil.

It is understood that these suggestions are now being considered.

FLAG RAISING

Captain A. W. Dunnet, R.A.M.C., in charge of the Kowloon Hospital, informs us that the flag-raising ceremony there was carried out by three R.A.M.C. officers and a handful of R.A.M.C. other ranks, who had worked for two days previously to get the hospital open.

The ceremony was attributed to the Navy, in an official press release.

NOTICE

The following Mail is lying unclaimed at the Offices of the International Red Cross (Exchange Building, 2nd floor):—

AMY, Mrs. Ethel
ASKHAM, G.W.
BLANK, Dr. Joseph
CARR, G.W.
CHAMBERS, Susan St. Leger
CROFT, Mrs. A.R.
ECHOLS, Mr. Edward
ELLAM, J.G.
DREWERY, Mrs. J.
FLANAGAN, Mrs. Dorothea
Woulfe
GILMOUR, Mr. G.J.
HORNSEY, Stio. Petty Officer
W.M.
HUTCHINSON, Miss
Dorothy
KELLEY, Ernest J.
MACBETH, Doctor R.I.
MAGREGOR, Mrs. David
MCDONALD, Rev. Daniel
MCDONALD, C.F.
PATEL, Mrs. Jai N.
PESTER, Ldg. Writer V.A.
(H.M.S. Peterel)
PILARES, Miss Josephine
ROBB, D.S.
SANTUEL, The Hon. Philip
SPEIGHT, William
TURNER, Mrs. B.
WINE, Dr. T.W.
WINSION, Miss or Mrs. Ann
Long Foon
WU, Miss Beryl
YOUNG, Mr. Len

Hongkong, 24th September, 1945.

CHUNGKING, SEPT. 24. MOVES ARE UNDERWAY IN CHINA WHICH, IF FULFILLED, ARE LIKELY TO PROVIDE CHINA WITH AIR POWER BEFITTING HER STANDING AS A MEMBER OF THE BIG FOUR.

AMONG OTHER THINGS THE TRANSFER TO CHINA OF ALL AMERICAN COMBAT PLANES IN THIS THEATRE IS BEING CONSIDERED.

A liaison mission under Brig. Gen. Merrick Randall already has been established in Army Air Force headquarters here while Randall is in Washington to arrange a vast post-war training programme for the Chinese Air Force, to be carried out by perhaps a thousand Americans versed in every phase of military aviation.

The training programme would be built on the foundations already laid in China by Major General Chennault, who always has been firmly convinced of Chinese capabilities in the air. In a sense, such a programme would be a fulfilment of Chennault's fond hopes for a China with strength in the skies.

Members of an Army-Navy Liquidation Commission presently are in China discussing with the Government on the idea that China take over all of the hundreds of aircraft which the 14th and 10th air forces now have in China. This is the eventual hope of both the Americans and Chinese, although a great many details of gradual transfer remain to be worked out.

RANDALL'S RAIDERS

General Randall is a West Point military academy graduate (1926) who came to China two years ago to command the 312th fighter wing, whose initial task was protection of B-29 fields in the Chengtu region.

Later the wing established an enviable record in fighter-bomber smashes at Japanese in North China. Randall came to rank as one of the outstanding tacticians under Chennault and "Randall's raiders" became one of the elite outfits.

American airmen already in China who have the ability and inclination to work closely in Chinese training programmes are being enlisted now for Randall's programme. Their ranks may have to be filled out with additional numbers from the States.

As a special attraction, instructors probably will be able to bring their wives to China. Associated Press.

Singapore Murders

SINGAPORE, SEPT. 24. SOME TWENTY OFFICERS AND N.C.O.'S OF THE JAPANESE GENDARMERIE IN SINGAPORE HAVE BEEN ARRESTED.

They were marched five miles through the streets across Singapore, passing through the Chinese part of the city under a very heavy guard of British and Indian troops.

Although no specific charges have yet been formulated, they are held for the killing and torture of thousands of residents of Singapore and civilian internees.

Chinese versions of the number of their people killed by the gendarmes in Singapore vary widely, but even the lowest estimate puts it at 10,000.—Reuter.

Congress Attitude Endorsed

Bombay, Sept. 24. A full meeting of the National Congress Party has endorsed the Working Committee's resolution condemning Britain's proposals for India.

The Party also formulated a demand for the release of those members of the so-called I.N.A. enrolled by the Japanese and now awaiting trial.

Commenting on the Congress Party resolution, Lord Pethick-Lawrence, the Secretary of State for India, said that he was neither disturbed nor disheartened by this response to British policy. The declaration by itself cannot be a solution to the complex political problems of India, but is opening a road along which Indians can travel to complete self-government.—Reuter.

Street-cleaning in Hong Kong and Kowloon under a new sanitary scheme will be commenced from to-day. The scheme divides the Colony into seven large and eight smaller sub-sections.

BAN ON OPIUM

THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL EXPLANATION PURSUANT to the Opium Proclamation (No. 13 of 1945) has been issued by the Civil Administration's official spokesman.

It is taken from the Legal Adviser's Report.

"The Opium Proclamation has been published in furtherance of the determination of H.M. Government that opium smoking be totally forbidden in British Territory in the Far East."

"By proclamation the Opium Ordinance of 1932 and three amended ordinances and all regulations under them are put in abeyance and thus the system of Government dealing in prepared opium comes to an end."

"Opium in all its forms, including medicinal opium, is brought by the proclamation within the provisions of the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance 1935 and dealings in or possession of opium is subject to the same penalties as those imposed by the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance 1935 in respect of the drugs mentioned in Section 3 of that Ordinance."

"The provisions of Section 21A of the Dangerous Drugs Amendment Ordinance 1938 relating to heroin divans will apply in future also to opium divans."

WAR CRIMES

JAPANESE INQUIRY

TOKYO, SEPT. 24. LT. GEN. TADAICHI WAKAMATSU, VICE-MINISTER OF WAR, DISCLOSED TO-DAY THAT THE NEWLY FORMED COMMITTEE FOR INVESTIGATION OF WAR CRIMES AGAINST ALLIED PRISONERS OF WAR HAD UNCOVERED EVIDENCE THAT SOME DOZENS OF LITTLE FLIERS WHO MADE THE FIRST AIR RAID ON JAPAN IN 1942, WERE EXECUTED AND BURIED "OUTSIDE JAPAN PROPER."

The date of the three is unknown. Mr. Gen. Masao Ueda told a press conference that a committee of about 30 War Ministry Bureau chiefs under Wakamatsu will report on war crimes to the U.S. army as soon as possible.

Ueda said the lack of information on the Doolittle fliers was due to replacement of War Ministry officials who held office in 1942. He said they buried the records.

He said most of these men now are outside Japan and it is the committee's job to locate them.

The newspaper "Asahi" in an issue dated Oct. 20, 1942, contained a statement by an Army Section Chief at Imperial Headquarters that "as a result of an investigation of the captured American pilots who raided Japan on April 18, 1942, those found to have ignored the principles of humanity were severely dealt with in accordance with military regulations."—Associated Press.

Keeping The Peace

Chungking, Sept. 24. Bishop Spellman, one of the Catholic church's highest American dignitaries, told American troops in a special mass last evening that keeping the hard-won peace will be as difficult as winning the victory.

He has celebrated masses recently in Manila, Tokyo, Korea and China. He will be a dinner guest of the Generalissimo and Madame Chiang to-night at their summer house.

He said he did not feel that it was within his competency to discuss the release from internment of 30 Catholic priests who are Axis nationals.—Associated Press.

SIR BRUCE FRASER

Chungking, Sept. 24. Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser, commander of the British Pacific fleet, arrived here yesterday from Hong Kong for a two-day courtesy visit. He was the guest of honour at a dinner given last night by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.—Associated Press.

LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

REPATRIATION NOTICE No. 7. The following is the complete passenger list for H.M.S. "STRIKER" sailing for Australia on Tuesday, 26th September, 1945.

Mrs. Beck, E.J.
Miss Beck, M.F.
Miss Beck, P.
Miss Beck, D.M.
Master Chung
Mrs. Edwards, D.L.
Master Edwards, N.T.
Mrs. Angus, M.
Mrs. Shawan, W.W.O.
Miss Withall, V.M.
Mrs. Walker, Y.
Miss Leo Fong, M.
Miss Hobbs, C.
Mrs. Wong, F.
Miss Wong, F.
Miss Taylor, M.F.
Miss Ezra, G.
Miss Ezra, H.
Mrs. Grant, K.G.
Miss Grant, K.G.
Mrs. Leo, B.J.
Miss Leo, G.I.
Mrs. Guest, A.E.
Master Guest, G.
Master Guest, E.
Master Guest, J.
Miss Guest, A.R.
Miss Guest, P.
Mrs. Anderson, V.
Miss Anderson, A.
Master Anderson, J.
Miss Anderson, J.
Mrs. Rozeksky
Master Rozeksky
Miss Thomson, E.
Miss Goody, M.
Miss Goody, L.
Mrs. Robbins, H.
Mrs. Macleod, J.
Mrs. Robinson, J.P.
Mrs. Adam, M.
Mrs. Hanson, A.H.
Mrs. Grant-Smith, E.M.B.
Mrs. Culver, E.P.
Miss Culver, D.E.
Miss Matheson, M.
Mrs. Hogg
Mrs. Bidwell, H.D.
Miss Sutton, W.M.
Mrs. Hall, G.A.V.
Master Hall, M.
Master Hall, P.
Miss Hall, S.
Mrs. Murphy, E.O.
Mrs. Clarke, K.E.
Master Clarke, B.
Master Clarke, R.D.
Pto. Mackay (H.K.V.D.C.)
Sgt. Barker, K. (H.K.V.D.C.)
Pto. Berendseff (H.K.V.D.C.)
Lieut. Lapley, R. (H.K.V.D.C.)
Pto. Morgenstein (H.K.V.D.C.)
Cpl. Jameison, O.V. (H.K.V.D.C.)
Cpl. Smoby, N.W. (H.K.V.D.C.)
Cpl. Murphy, E.O. (H.K.V.D.C.)
Sgt. Hall, G.A.V. (H.K.V.D.C.)
Gnr. Van Walree, Erik (H.K.V.D.C.)

REPATRIATION NOTICE No. 6. The Repatriation Office is open to the public for enquiries, registration, etc., between the following hours:

Monday to Saturday only
10.00 a.m.—12.00 Noon
2.30 p.m.—4.00 p.m.
Sundays closed.
23rd September, 1945.

H.K.V.D.C. EMBARKATION LIST

The following personnel of the H.K.V.D.C. will rendezvous at 1000 hrs. Queen's pier, September 26th, for embarkation:

Lt. R. Lapsley
Pto. H. A. McKay
Sgt. K. M. Baxter
Pto. G. A. Berendseff
Pto. & Mrs. Morgenstein, N.
Cpl. O. V. Jameison
Gnr. N. W. Smoby
Cpl. & Mrs. E. O. Murphy
Sgt. & Mrs. G. A. V. Hall and Family
Gnr. E. van Walree
Personnel living at Stanley will rendezvous at Stanley at 1000 hrs. September 26th.

If required, advances of pay and clothing may be drawn from Volunteer Headquarters at 0800 hrs. the same day.

E. M. THURSBY,
Maj. & Adj.,
Hong Kong Volunteer
Defence Corps.

NOTICE

Will all persons who, prior to the Japanese occupation, were employed in the R.A.S.C. Supply Depot, Victoria, please report to the following address at 5.30 p.m., 24th September, 1945, bringing with them identification papers, if in possession.

Major G. S. Cotter, R.I.A.S.C.,
DAD S & T,
HQ Land Force,
Wellington Barracks,
Victoria.

Mr. Morris, W.
Mr. Mackie
Mr. Kurrik, H.
Mr. Strange, E. L.
Mr. Gleibrist, J.
Mr. Koen, R. O.
Mr. Kew, H.
Mr. Robertson, C. B.
Mr. Campbell, J. G.
Mr. Meager, W.
Mr. Fuller, C. H.
Mr. Strange, C.
Mr. Krasnopetroff, N. N.
Mr. O'Neill, P. J.
Mr. Kousakoff, G. C.
Mr. Zadorin, E. L.
Mr. Glazovskoff, D. I.
Mr. Kouznetzoff, N. I.
Mr. Nettle, P. E.
Mr. Elliott, F. S.
Mr. Pudgett, G. T.
Mr. Burford, J.
Sgt. Moody (A.I.F.)
REPATRIATION OFFICER,
Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank
Building, 1st Floor.
(Tel. No. 39642).
24th September, 1945.

Mr. Brown, E. F.
Mr. Brooks, R. H. J.
Mr. Fitzharry, J. C.
Mr. Brand, O. W.
Mr. Walker, V.
Mr. Taylor, H. C.
Mr. Owens, W. W.
Mr. Collins, T.
Mr. Matohos, H. T.
Mr. Cherry, E.
Mr. Fortalloun, F. T.
Mr. Davies, D. L.
Mr. Mawer, F.
Mr. Grainger, R.
Mr. Wholan, T. K.
Mr. Chester-Wood, W. R.
Mr. Borlaoff, L. H.
Mr. Dolahunt, W. P.
Mr. Brown, H. D. J.
Mr. Orem, J.

NOTICE

ST. PAUL'S GIRLS' AND BOYS' COLLEGE

Reopens at Glenely 1st October. Entrance examinations 9 a.m. 26th September. Senior Middle School Classes will be organized provided sufficient pupils register.

NOTICE

MR. CHAN KWAN PO is acting temporarily as Secretary of the University of Hong Kong. All letters should be addressed to him at the University, Pokfulam. Telephone 28056.

S. V. BOXER,
Registrar,
Hong Kong University.

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JIMMY'S
TO-DAY

NOTICE

The British-American
Tobacco Company

We are to-day placing certain
brands of our cigarettes on the
market at the following prices:

May Blossom 10s	15 cents
Royal Leaf 10s	20 cents
Ruby Queen 10s	25 cents
Pirate 10s	30 cents

These are not our standard
brands and are packed in a
temporary packing. We hope to
return to our standard brands
and packing in the future. These
cigarettes will be on sale by all
the regular shops and squatters.
In case of difficulty please apply
direct to Ying Choong Hong,
50, Des Voeux Road, Central.
Not more than two packets will
be sold to a person at one time.

September 25th, 1945.

POST OFFICE
NOTICE

On Friday, 28th September,
1945, the present local postal
service will be discontinued, and
all letters and postcards posted
after 10 a.m. on that date must
be properly stamped in accordance
with the rates set out below.

Deliveries will be at 10 a.m. and
3 p.m. to the following districts
only: Central District, Wanchai,
Sai Ying Pun, Shau Ki Wan, Tsai
Sha Tsui, Yau-mai, Shamshui, Kowloon Tong, Kowloon City,
Mongkok and Hung Hom.

Mail should be posted at the
General Post Office and Kowloon
Central Post Office only.

Rates for local postage will, as
from 28th September, 1945, be as
follows:

Letters: 4 cents for each ounce
or part of an ounce.

The limit of weight is 4 lbs.
The limits of size are:

Two feet in length, 18th
inches in width and 18th
inches in depth; or if
made up in a form of a
roll, 3 feet 3 inches for
the length and twice the
diameter combined, and 2
feet 8 inches for the
greatest dimension.

Postcards: 2 cents.

No card may exceed 5 7/8
inches in length by
4 1/8 inches in width or
be less than 4 inches in
length by 2 3/4 inches in
width.

The material for private
cards to be used as post-
cards must be ordinary
cardboard or paper not
less than one-hundredth
of an inch thick, and not
more flexible than the
postcards issued and sold
by the Post Office.

The General Post Office and
Kowloon Central Post Office
will be open to the public for the sale
of stamps from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
daily as from 28th September, 1945.

Members of the public are re-
minded that there is as yet no
postal service to any destination
outside the Colony, and no mail
addressed to such destination can
at present be accepted.

H.M. GOVERNMENT

MINISTRY OF WAR
TRANSPORT

(MINISTRY OF SHIPPING)

MR. ALAN REID has been
appointed as the Representative
for South China of the Minister
of War Transport.

His office has been established
at Room 318, Third Floor, Hong
Kong & Shanghai Bank Building.
Telephone No. 25856.

Telegraphic Address: SHIP-
MINDER, HONG KONG.

FAR EASTERN SHIPPING
AGENCIES

This Association of British
Shipping Agents, which will act
as Agents for all vessels con-
trolled by The British Ministry
of War Transport, has establish-
ed offices temporarily at the
Union Building (First Floor,
South), Chater Road.
Telephone No. 27185.

Telegraphic Address: FESA,
HONG KONG.

COUNCIL OF FIVE CONFLICT
Premier and Foreign Secretary ConferHITLER
PLOT
FILM

BERLIN, SEPT. 23.
A NAZI-MADE SOUND
FILM OF THE TRIAL OF
GERMAN ARMY OFFICERS
WHO PLOTTED TO KILL
HITLER IN JANUARY, 1944,
WAS SHOWN FOR NINE
HOURS TO-DAY IN A PRI-
VATE CINEMA IN BERLIN.

The film, originally thirty-six
miles long, was taken from
behind the president's chair of
the People's Tribunal in the
Berlin Supreme Court in Aug-
ust, 1944. One German Field-
Marshal, three German Gen-
erals and three other army offi-
cers were condemned to death
and hanged two hours after
the verdict. Others had been
tried at another session of the
Court.

The German ministry had re-
duced the film to a "brisk"
seven miles which they hoped
to show after their victory.

Among those shown are Col-
onel-General Hoepfner, Major-
General Stieff, Lieutenant-
General von Hase, Lieutenant-
General Bernadus, Lieut.-Col.
von Hagen, Captain Karl
Count Yorck von Wartenburg
and Count Wolf Heinrich Hell-
endorf.

One part of the film showed
the brutal behaviour of the
President of the Tribunal,
Friesle Firste, who shouted at
Ulrich von Hassel, former Ger-
man ambassador to Italy:
"What kind of a beast are
you?"—Reuter.

NEW CHIEF
FOR U.S.
HERE

AS FROM NOON TO-DAY,
CAPT. CHARLES H. PENN,
U.S.M.C., WILL TAKE OVER
FROM COL. LLOYD A. COR-
KAN, U.S.C.A.C., AS LIAISON
OFFICER IN CHARGE OF
AMERICAN AFFAIRS IN
HONG KONG.

Capt. Penn will maintain an
office at the American Consulate-
General, Hong Kong & Shanghai
Bank Building, 2nd floor.
An American Consul-General is
expected in Hong Kong shortly,
and also an American Red Cross
Field Director, who is already
several days overdue from Kun-
ming. New American Consular
officers are expected daily.

Col. Corkan, of the United
States Coast Artillery Corps, is
returning to his H.Q. at Kunming.
He will be accompanied by Capt.
William F. Long, Jr., U.S.I.N.F.,
adjutant.

During his stay in Hong Kong,
Col. Corkan has assumed the
duties of registering American
citizens in the Colony, who number
212, and has taken charge of the
feeding and repatriation of Ameri-
can internees and prisoners-of-war
in the Colony. This work involved
the allocation of milk to under-
nourished American children and
the distribution of special PX
rations of cigarettes, candy, etc.
to all Americans in the Colony.

WAR CRIMES

He has maintained liaison with
the British authorities for all
American War Missions in Hong
Kong and has been in charge of
accommodation and billeting.

Before the arrival of Major
Charles E. Bailey's United States
War Crimes Commission he was
also active in investigating war
crimes perpetrated against
American citizens.

With the aid of the Hong Kong
Police, who located most of them
in the basement of a garage on
the Island, he has recovered almost
all the old American Consular files.
Col. Corkan wishes to express
his gratitude, especially to the
Hong Kong Police and also to the
public of Hong Kong generally,
whom he has found in almost
every instance both co-operative
and hospitable.

VOLUNTEER DIES
AT SEA

The Officer Commanding
H.K.V.D.C. regrets to announce
the death of No. 4989 Pte. Ben-
jamin V. on board the Hos-
pital ship "Oxfordshire" whilst
at sea. Death was due to T.B.

Dublin, Sept. 24.
Seventy thousand spectators
saw Cork beat Cavan in the final
of the All-Ireland Gaelic football
championship by two goals and
five points to seven points.—
Reuter.

DEMOBBING THE R.A.F.

London, Sept. 24.—The
groups to be released from the
R.A.F. under the latest demo-
bilitation plan have been an-
nounced by the Air Ministry.
Groundstaff releases vary
with the trades from Group 23
to Group 25, members of the
W.A.A.F. are to be released
up to Group 36, and air crews
up to Group 24 except for
meteorological experts.—
Reuter.

CURRENCY
PRICES

The closing gold quotation yester-
day evening was H.K.\$580 per
troy ounce, an unspectacular ad-
vance of \$10 per troy ounce regis-
tered against the price current the
previous day.

Gold-brokers had been predict-
ing a rise to H.K.\$700 based on
the generally settling down high-
cost-of-living.

Money-changers were buying
the Australian pound yesterday
for H.K.\$12.80, which would place
the value of the pound sterling at
H.K.\$19.00.

Dealings in Military Yen were
running wild again but one man
found a buyer at a regular ex-
change shop who paid him
H.K.\$4.50 for M.Y.\$400.

GODOWN
LOSSES

The registration of loss or
damage suffered to goods kept
in godowns in Hong Kong for
the duration of the war is now
being undertaken by an Associa-
tion of Chinese Merchants.

The Director of this Associa-
tion, Mr. Tung Chung-wei,
said yesterday that the Associa-
tion would undertake only
claims against the Japanese by
members of the Association.

Melbourne Radio says that
the Japanese guards of prison
camps in Borneo at Linkang
Barracks, Kuching, are now in
their own prison, under Aus-
tralian guards.

In New Guinea, surrendered
Japanese are being transferred
to Muesha Island, from Wewak.
—Reuter.

Three large Chinese confec-
tioners will sell cakes to-day in
aid of a fund for the erection
of a statue to Generalissimo
Chiang Kai-shek and the Chi-
nese Soldiers' Relief Fund.
The jewellers' association have
also asked their members to
subscribe to the fund.

ADMIRAL HARCOURT
ON H.K. PROBLEMS

"AS YET WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO DO MUCH
MORE THAN MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER, PRO-
TECT LIFE AND PROPERTY, AND ROUND-UP AND
DETAIN THE JAPANESE," SAID H.E. THE C-IN-C,
REAR-ADMIRAL CECIL HARCOURT, AT A PRESS
CONFERENCE YESTERDAY.

HIS EXCELLENCY WAS REFERRING TO THE PRO-
GRESS ACHIEVED BY THE MILITARY ADMINIS-
TRATION SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN THE CO-
LONY, AND HE ADDED:
"THAT WE HAVE HAD NEITHER THE MEN NOR
THE RESOURCES TO DO ANYTHING MORE."

"We still have no staff to
speak of. There seems to have
been an awful jam. A staff is
coming out from Home, but as
far as I can see the available
transport just cannot cope
with it. No-one was ready for
Japan's collapse. We (the
fleet) were ready for opera-
tions connected with the in-
vasion of Japan. You cannot
switch at a moment's notice."

"The old residents who
came out from Stanley and
tried to keep the flag flying,
did splendidly, but a good
many of them have had to go
home."

"Even if we had the staff, we
should still be held up for the
time being by lack of supplies.
The major problem is coal.
There is a ship on its way
here from Australia and I
should not be surprised to see
her in any day now."

BORNEO WOOD
Admiral Harcourt also dis-
closed that stores are being
taken to obtain firewood from
Borneo, and that all means of
obtaining supplies of all kinds
from ports close at hand, Swat-
tow, Macao, Kwangchowwan,
and Canton, were being investi-
gated.

Regarding the rice outlook,
he said that he felt sure the
Colony could keep its head
above water. Supplies at present
are sufficient and ships
with rice are expected this
week.

The Colony was at present
feeding approximately 18,000
destitute.

Soviet Rejects
Pessimistic View

LONDON, SEPT. 24.
THE PRIME MINISTER, MR. C. R. ATTLEE, HAS BEEN
IN LONG CONFERENCE WITH MR. BEVIN, THE
FOREIGN SECRETARY, OVER THE WEEK-END AND
CORRESPONDENTS BELIEVED THEY DISCUSSED
THE DIFFICULTIES THAT HAVE ARISEN OVER
THE PEACE TREATIES FOR THE BALKAN COUN-
TRIES.

VARIOUS INTERPRETATIONS OF THE WORD "DEMO-
CRATIC" ARE THE BASIC CAUSE OF THE TROU-
BLE. BRITAIN AND AMERICA HOLD THAT THE
PRESENT ADMINISTRATIONS OF ROMANIA, HUN-
GARY AND BULGARIA DO NOT REPRESENT THE
PEOPLE AND ARE THEREFORE, NOT DEMOCRA-
TIC.

The Soviet Government takes
the opposite view. This morn-
ing the Council of Five resumed
meetings at Lancaster House
following the talks between Mr.
Attlee and Mr. Bevin. Mea-
time there is wide comment in
the press on the slow pro-
gress achieved and the fact
that the draft treaties with
Italy and Finland have been
left in abeyance.

The "News Chronicle" com-
pares the situation with the
1919 bids for spheres of in-
fluence, and says the situation
smacks of the pre-Atomic Age.
The "Daily Telegraph" says
that no note of desperation
need yet be sounded in view of
the vast sweep of the agenda,
differences of outlook will
cause inevitable delays.—Reu-
ter.

FUNDAMENTAL
The fundamental trouble is,
of course, one of principles. The
Western Allies are not in sym-
pathy with Soviet policy in
Western Europe and Soviet parts
of the globe.

Until a common policy can be
achieved, an agreement on the
solution of territorial problems is
almost impossible and it is recog-
nized in London that this accounts
to a large extent for the tendency
to create awkward questions.

So far as treaties with Germany
and her eastern satellites are con-
cerned, it is plain from commu-
nities that the Conference has not
yet even reached the stage of
reference to deputies but tends to
leave each item on the agenda as
agreements become problematical.

GLOOMY PROPHECIES
An influential Russian viewpoint
on the course of the discussions is
contained in an article in
"Pravda."

"Pravda," the organ of the Rus-
sian Communist Party, broadcast
to-night, by Moscow Radio:
"Pessimists not only engage in
gloomy prophecies. They try to lay
blame for difficulties on the Soviet
Union. No one denies that diffi-
culties have arisen. That they

Members of the R.A.F. stationed
at Kowloon were given a rare
treat on Saturday in the form of
a grand variety show presented
by the R.A.F. "Gang Show"

A very amusing sketch "Dis-
covey" opened the show, with
Joe Black, Dick Carlton, Toni
Davenport, Jim Stirling and
Sandy Davenport. Their antics
kept the audience in fits of
laughter. Rudi Mancini, with the
accordion received well deserved
encores. Another sketch "Vic-
toria" with Doug Robinson, Dick
Carlton, Sandy Adams, Toni
Davenport, reminded the boys of
home and was very much enjoyed.
Jim Stirling, the light baritone,
who also was the very pretty girl
in the pantomime was last seen
trying to evade the airman who
were trying to date "her".

Joe Black, is a grand comedian,
and like a real trouper carried on
with his act for 40 minutes after
the lights had failed and thus
allowed his colleagues to fix the
damaged fuse.

The crooner, Jackie Wilson,
reminded the lads of home with
his rendering of Irish melodies.
Sydney Lovington, compering,
made the acts follow so smoothly
that the audience hardly knew
they had changed. Dick Carlton's
trombone playing and dancing put
him in the top class.

Last but not least Harold
Hocess, the musical director is a
marvellous pianist of whom the
audience would never have tired.
Unanimous verdict—A Grand
Show.

80 M.P.H.
TRAINS

LONDON, SEPT. 24.
ENGLAND'S MUCH-BOMB-
ED AND DAMAGED RAIL-
WAYS ARE NOW IN PRO-
CESS OF REORGANISA-
TION.

The plans envisage faster
trains, maintaining averages of
80 miles an hour on long runs.
Experiments are being made
with diesel locomotives.

The companies are well ad-
vanced with the renovation of
stations, many of which were
badly damaged.

An official said: "You cannot
expect to see an immediate all-
round improvement in services.
How quickly we can get on de-
pends upon materials and la-
bour."—Reuter.

AUSTRIA'S FUTURE

Vienna, Sept. 24.
Seventy-two delegates met
in Vienna to-day in connection
with the plan to create a more
representative government in
Austria.

It is the first time since
1934 that members of democra-
tic organisations have met law-
fully.—Reuter.

NOTEWORTHY
CRICKET FEAT

London, Sept. 24.—A note-
worthy feat was recorded in
London club cricket on Satur-
day. A player named Clements
bowed unchanged for
the R.A.F., took 7 wickets for
36 runs, and then proceeded
to make 102 not out in a total
of 150. Clements, during the
season of club cricket has
scored 1,000 runs and taken
700 wickets.—Reuter.

Shark
Victim's
Funeral

ALTHOUGH STILL IN BED
AT TWEED BAY HOSPITAL
AND OFFICIALLY NOT
PERMITTED VISITORS, THE
CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR
A. H. O. L. L. MACGREGOR,
FILLED THE ROLE OF
C O R O N E R—YESTER-
DAY MORNING AT THE IN-
QUEST ON POLICE SER-
GEANT HERBERT WINK-
FIELD JACKSON, KILLED
BY A SHARK ON SUNDAY
EVENING.

Evidence was given by Fly-
ing Officer C. Kelly, M.B.,
M.O. at camp H.Q. and by
Captain S. H. Moore, in charge
of Tweed Bay Hospital. It
showed that Jackson's pulse
was still faintly perceptible
when F.O. Kelly reached the
Beach, but death had superven-
ed before his arrival in hos-
pital. Capt. Moore described
the terrible wound, and attri-
buted death to shock and ha-
emorrhage.

Captain and Mrs. Braude
also gave evidence.
The funeral took place at
Stanley at 4.30 p.m., the ser-
vice being conducted by the
Rev. E. W. L. Martin. There
was a large attendance.

Contracts
Cancelled

WASHINGTON, SEPT. 24.
IT IS ANNOUNCED THAT
CERTAIN BRITISH CON-
TRACTS ENTERED UPON
JUST PRIOR TO VJ-DAY
HAVE BEEN CANCELLED.
The sum involved is put at
about \$75 million pounds ster-
ling.

An official British statement
says the cancellations are due
to a desire not to assume more
debts until the situation is
clearer. They were wartime
goods and might have been can-
celled in any case.

No orders for food have been
cancelled, but orders for tobac-
co and certain manufactured
articles have either been
severely scaled down or can-
celled.—Reuter.

OCCUPATION
SPORT

BERLIN, SEPT. 24.
THE UNITED STATES
EASILY WON THE TRIANGU-
LAR MEETING AT THE OLYM-
PIC STADIUM HERE YESTER-
DAY WITH 94 POINTS FROM
GREAT BRITAIN (43) AND
FRANCE (25).

Twelve thousand spectators saw
the American team sweep the
board in the track and field
events in this "little Olympic"
contest, just as they did in the
1936 Olympiad.

Soviet Russia, who should have
made the contest a quadrangular
one, withdrew at the eleventh
hour.—Reuter.

ZIONIST
DEMAND

Jerusalem, Sept. 24.
Revolutionist political leaders in
Palestine have been summoned to
an urgent meeting on Thursday
to discuss the latest developments
in connection with the reports
from London that the British
Cabinet were opposed to the
Zionist demand for unlimited
Jewish immigration to Palestine.
The meeting will be attended
by members of the Zionist General
Council.—Reuter.

Paris, Sept. 24.
Mlle. Claire Bressoles yesterday
broke the world's record (women's)
for the 400 metres, running the
distance at Carcassonne in 61.0
secs. The previous best time of
62.0 was held by the Swedish
woman athlete, Anna Larsson.—
Reuter.

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